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* 230 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of villages in the Merkanam National Extension Service Block ,South Arcot District) which have been provided with radio sets by the State Broadcasting Department?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Four.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : On what basis are these radio sets given to the villages in the National Extension Service Blocks. May I know whether the Government would come forward to instal more number of sets in the Merkanam Notional Extension Service Blocks in view of the fact that most of the villagers are ignorant and they are thirsting to acquire some knowledge of world affairs?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, it is the policy of the Government to instal as many radio sets as possible in as many villages as possible. There are some difficulties with reference to availability of sets and the procedure adopted in the purchase of these sets. Now Government have issued orders that the sets could be purchased from private dealers and they could also be approached for maintenance and servicing of these sets. I hope the situation would improve.

Tamil Typewriting Examination

* 232 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates appearing for the Lower Grade Examination in Tamil Typewriting for April 1959 are to be examined in the new Tamil Standardised Key Board Machines; and

(*b*) if not, whether they are allowed to use the new or the existing approved machine due, to the non-availability of the new Standardised Key Board Machines?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government Typewriting Examinations in Tamil to be conducted during the year 1959 will be held with the old machines.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question. Question 233.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Are no supplementaries to be allowed on this question?

MR. SPEAKER : Since nobody got up, I passed on to the next question. It is not my fault. Hon. Members who want to put supplementaries, should stand up in time and draw my attention. I will now allow the hon. Member to put the supplementary on question 232.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, may I know the reasons and on whose advice the change was introduced?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : An expert Committee was appointed and they considered the various suggestions made in this regard. An experiment was also conducted with the various suggestions made and it was found that the key board now adopted is the most useful. I may also inform the hon. Member that training of Tamil Typists on this new key board is going on in the old Legislative Assembly buildings. If only the hon. Member cares to go there and see the thing for himself he will be convinced that the present key board evolved by the expert Committee is the best.

Drinking water scheme for Sankarankoil Panchayat

* 233 *Q.*—SRI P. URKAVALAN : கனம் ரெவினியு அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) சங்கரன்கோவில் பஞ்சாயத்துக்கு குடி தண்ணீர் திட்டம் பற்றி சர்க்காரில் ஏதேனும் உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

(ஆ) அப்படியானால் மேற்படி பஞ்சாயத்துக்கு உதவித் தொகை எவ்வளவு கொடுக்கப்பட்டது ?

(இ) அத்திட்டம் எப்போது நடைபெறும் ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) No grant has been paid to the panchayat.

(*c*) The scheme is not in the Five Year Plan. It is too soon to say when the scheme will be taken up.

SRI P. URKAVALAN: சென்ற மூன்று நான்கு வருஷங்களாக சங்கரன்கோவில் பஞ்சாயத்தில் குடிதண்ணீர் வசதி இல்லாமல் மக்கள் மிகவும் கஷ்டப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். இந்தத் திட்டத்தை உடனடியாக அமுல் நடத்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: இந்தத் திட்டத்தை நடத்துவதற்கு பஞ்சாயத்திலே பணம் இல்லை. கவர்ன்மெண்டு பணம் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்றால் மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்துதான் பணம் வரவேண்டும். மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து பணம் வந்ததும் கொடுக்கப்படும்.

Industrial Housing Scheme

* 234 *Q.*—SRIMATHI A. S. PONNAMMAL (on behalf of Srimathi T. N. Anandanayaki) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many housing schemes for industrial labourers have been started by the Government in the years 1956–57 and 1957–58; and

(*b*) how many have been completed?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No new scheme was sanctioned in 1956–57. Five schemes were started in 1957–58.

(*b*) During 1956–57, the Sembium and Erukancheri Housing scheme started in 1955 was completed. During 1957–58 five schemes, namely, one at Vellanur, there at Sivakasi and one at Guindy were in various stages of construction, but were not completed.